

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilman
	Robert Olson	Councilman
	Kenneth Higgins	Councilman
	Matthew Simpson	Councilman
Krista Wood	Town Clerk	

Also: Al LaFountain, Bill McGhie, Bob Miller, Mark Younes, Gordy Hayes, Paul Frasco, John Donovan, and Gary Feddes.

Supervisor Bentley called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of February 16, 2012 and March 8, 2012 were approved by Motion of Messrs. Olson and Higgins, all Ayes.

**Approval of March 15, 2012 Vouchers and Abstracts:**

**RESOLUTION #53-2012**

Messrs. Hill and Olson introduced Res. No. 53 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF MARCH ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the March 15, 2012 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	#71 - 89	\$ 14,747.82
Highway Vouchers	#28 - 42	\$ 22,477.73
General Abstracts	6 & 7	\$ 31,456.35
Highway Abstracts	6 & 7	\$ 15,523.16

In relation to the Abstracts, the question was raised as to the difference in cost for travel reimbursement amongst those who attended the Association of Towns meeting in New York. The Board agreed that if someone chooses to take their own vehicle, instead of the bus that is available to everyone, then the reimbursement will be at the rate of the bus and anything over that will be the responsibility of the individual.

**Correspondence to the Board:**

- Chester Farmers Market	RE: Request for support to help fund the Farmers Market
- North Shore Solutions	RE: Proposal for website software and maintenance
- NYSOEM	RE: Six month extension on emergency work for all Warren Co. applicants
- Tri-Lakes Bus. Alliance	RE: Request for approval to move forward with banners
- WC Bicentennial CAC	RE: Request for financial support for the Warren Co. Bicentennial
- Laurie Hughes	RE: Letter of resignation as Justice Court Clerk
- Jim Murphy	RE: Letter of recommendation for Court Clerk

**Old Business:**

**Court Clerk/Assistant Court Clerk:**

**RESOLUTION #54 -2012**

Messrs. Hill and Simpson introduced Res. No. 54 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE KAREN BURKA AS JUSTICE COURT CLERK**

WHEREAS, Laurie Hughes has tendered her resignation as Justice Court Clerk to be effective March 16, 2012, AND

WHEREAS, in January the Board hired Karen Burka as interim Assistant Court Clerk while that position was advertised, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon, based on the recommendation of Justice James Murphy, does hereby hire Karen Burka to fill the position of Justice Court Clerk at a pay rate of \$12.50 per hour, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that Laurie Hughes will act as Assistant Court Clerk to fill in if necessary.

Sand Bids: Bids were received from Adirondack Portable Custom Crushing of Johnsburg and Gilma Enterprises of Chestertown.

**RESOLUTION #55-2012**

Messrs. Hill and Higgins introduced Res. No. 55 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD SAND BID**

WHEREAS, the Town Board legally advertised for bids for sand for highway use, AND  
WHEREAS, two bids were received and opened on March 15th at 10:00 AM, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT  
RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby award the sand bid to Gilma Enterprises, Inc. for a bid of \$2.00 per cubic yard.

The Board agreed that the Highway should take as much as they can get so they do not run short.

Garage Roof: Councilman Hill advised the Board that the roof on the Garage behind the Community Center is leaking badly and will need to be fixed. He suggested they put some specs together and put it out for bid. Supervisor Bentley asked where the money was going to come from and Councilman Hill said it would have to come from somewhere because the roof must be fixed. Councilman Olson and Councilman Hill will meet to look over the garage and decide how best to proceed.

North Warren EMS: Councilman Olson advised the Board that Mary Oberdorf (NWEMS) had informed him that Kevin White has been separated from the North Warren EMS. He noted that in regards to the letter Paul Frasco had questioned them about, he has not done anything further in light of the situation and because the Squad members are currently reviewing issues and addressing them. He said in his opinion the Squad seems very open, transparent, and willing to cooperate with the Town and at this point he does not feel the Town should be doing anything but working with them. Councilman Olson said he is very encouraged by what he is seeing. Paul Frasco disagreed with Councilman Olson, stating the question is whether or not the Squad is violating the law. He said it is unacceptable he does not have an answer to his question and he also said at least one person is in violation at the Squad. Paul Frasco told the Board that if they continue to spend taxpayer money on this and it turns out the Squad is in violation of Federal Law then the Board will have to pay the consequences. Councilman Olson pointed out that no further action has been taken at this time because there are new people in the Squad now, and also because the investigator advised Councilman Olson during their discussion that he did not turn up anything illegal during his investigation. Paul Frasco demanded the letter be addressed with Counsel.

Millpond Revitalization Committee update: Councilman Olson explained to the Board that he and Supervisor Bentley had met with Jeff Tennyson (Warren Co. DPW) regarding the upper dam. They were told that in order for a bridge to qualify for Federal and State funding it must be evaluated and it is likely that the upper dam bridge will not come up for evaluation until 2018. Councilman Olson noted, however, that some time ago there had been talk of moving the Town Beach to the backside of the Millpond. Jeff Tennyson told them that if that were to happen then the only access to New Street would be the bridge across the Upper Dam which would increase the priority level of that bridge. Councilman Olson said he will push moving the beach in an effort to expedite progress with the upper dam bridge. He said it may be possible to get a pedestrian bridge with some nicer barricades but it depends on the results of the inspection.

Lake Affairs Committee: Councilman Olson said he read recently where the County was going to be spending quite a bit of money in Lake George to fight the Asian clams. He asked Supervisor Bentley to suggest to the County Board of Supervisors that they resurrect the Lake Affairs Committee so some of those monies could be spent on other lakes in the County like Brant Lake and Schroon Lake.

**New Business:**

Adirondack Day Camp: Al LaFountain (Adirondack Day Camp) addressed the Board regarding their desire to hold the Adirondack Day Camp again this year and noted what changes they will be making this year. He asked the Board if they could use the old schoolhouse in Adirondack because it is an ideal location. Al noted this is just a proposal at this point as they are still looking into their options but they are looking for the Board's feedback. The Board had no issues.

**RESOLUTION #56-2012**

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 56 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE USE OF TOWN FACILITIES**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby approve the request of Adirondack Day Camp to use the Town's facilities in Adirondack for the purpose of a summer camp program to be held from the last week of June through the end of July. Adirondack Day Camp will provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town as an additional insured.

North Shore – Website software: A proposal has been received from North Shore Solutions for website maintenance. The first option is for Municipal Website software at a cost of \$455.00 per year and the second option is for the Website Maintenance Package at a cost of \$790.00 per year.

**RESOLUTION #57-2012**

Messrs. Olson and Hill introduced Res. No. 57 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE SOFTWARE**

WHEREAS, with recent changes to the law, municipalities are now being required to have more information available on their websites, AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon has received a quote from North Shore Solutions for Municipal Website Software which is NYS compliant and would allow Town employees to update the website themselves as needed, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby approve the purchase of the Municipal Website Software from North Shore Solutions for a price of \$455.00 per year,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the maintenance of the website proves to be too involved, the Town Board approves the upgrade to the Website Maintenance Package at a cost of \$790.00 year wherein North Shore would handle the actual maintenance of the website.

**Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION #58-2012**

Messrs. Higgins and Hill introduced Res. No. 58 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE POLLING PLACES IN THE TOWN OF HORICON**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article 4-104 of the New York State Election Law, the Town Board of the Town of Horicon must submit to the Warren County Board of Elections a listing of the polling places in the Town of Horicon in each Election District in which Elections are held, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following handicapped accessible locations be and are hereby designated as the respective polling places in the Districts as enumerated:

Election District #1	Horicon Community Center
Election District #2	6604 State Rt. 8
	Brant Lake, NY 12815

**RESOLUTION #59-2012**

Messrs. Olson and Hill introduced Res. No. 59 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT NYS TOWN CLERKS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Krista Wood and Dawn Higgins to attend the NYS Town Clerks Association Conference in Saratoga Springs April 23 – 24, 2012. The cost of registration is \$165 plus reimbursement for mileage.

**RESOLUTION #60-2012**

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 60 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BOARD OF ETHICS ALTERNATE AND CHAIRPERSON**

WHEREAS, the Town Board advertised for an alternate for the Board of Ethics and received one application, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby appoint Sylvia Smith as alternate to the Town of Horicon Board of Ethics for a term expiring on December 31, 2012, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby appoint Jane Smith as Chairperson of the Town of Horicon Board of Ethics for a term expiring on December 31, 2012.

**Additional Items:** It was noted that the BTI program may not happen this year as planned. It has come to the Board's attention that the training and permit process is much more involved than in the past. The Board indicated they do plan on having a BTI program but they simply may not be able to have all of the required training and permits in time to have a program in place for this year.

Councilman Hill said they have pricing for a bucket for the excavator. There was some discussion as to which one would be best.

**RESOLUTION #61-2012**

Messrs. Hill and Higgins introduced Res. No. 61 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF BUCKET FOR EXCAVATOR**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby approve the purchase of a 36-inch digging bucket with teeth at the quoted price of \$2,725.00 plus freight, and in addition, the side cutters are to be ordered as well.

**Privilege of the Floor:** There were no comments.

**Adjourn...** There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill and Higgins, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Clerk